

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 1630

C O N F I D E N T I A L BEIRUT 4294

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E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS : ASEC, LE

SUBJECT: SAFETY OF AMERICANS IN LEBANON

REF: STATE 68183

1. I BELIEVE IT IS PREMATURE TO DECIDE WHETHER USG PRESENCE NEEDS TO BE THINNED DOWN HERE IN BEIRUT BECAUSE OF CURRENT VOLATILE SITUATION. AS OF THE MOMENT, I DO NOT CONSIDER INCREASED THREAT IS SO EXTENSIVE THAT ANY IMMEDIATE MEASURES ARE REQUIRED. I EXPECT TO BE ABLE TO MAKE A MORE MEASURED JUDGMENT ON THIS ISSUE WITHIN THE NEXT 48 HOURS AS WE OBSERVE WHAT ADDITIONAL FALL- OUT MAY BE FROM THE ISRAELI RAID.

2. RE PARA 2 REFTEL, DEPARTMENT NEED NOT BE CONCERNED ABOUT ANY LACK OF GOL UNDERSTANDING OF OUR CONCERN THAT IT EXERCISE ITS RESPONSIBILITY TO PROTECT US. WE ARE ON THE PHONE WITH THEM AT ALL LEVELS ON A CONTINUING BASIS AND HAVE NEVER FOUND ANYTHING BUT THE MOST IMMEDIATE, POSITIVE AND COOPERATIVE RESPONSE TO EVERY SPECIFIC REQUEST WE HAVE MADE FOR ADDITIONAL SECURITY PROTECTION. MOREOVER, GOL HAS FREQUENTLY TAKEN INITIATIVE, AT VARYING STAGES OF CRISIS, TO ASSURE SECURITY MEASURES WERE ADEQUATE TO EXTENT OF EXISTING THREAT. FOR EXAMPLE, ALTHOUGH BEIRUT HAS BEEN QUIET SO FAR THIS MORNING, ARMY HAS MANNED ROADBLOCK JUST ABOVE EMB TO SCREEN ALL PASSING

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VEHICLES AND STILL HAS SNIPERS ON SURROUNDING  
ROOFTOPS TO WATCH FOR ROCKET ATTACK.  
BUFFUM

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